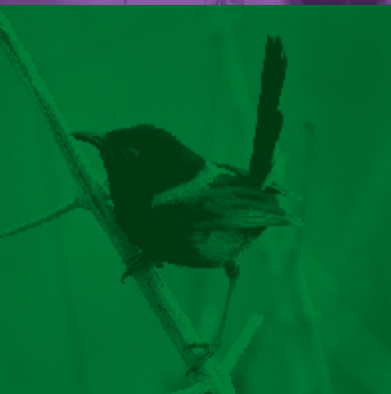




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# BIG SCRUB RAINFOREST DAY OFFERS UP **SCIENCE IN THE PUB AND SO MUCH MORE...**

## The 21st annual Big Scrub Rainforest Day includes four days of exciting events across the region from September 19 to 22.

The first event on the program is Science in the Pub, which will ask “How can practitioners in bushland management and restoration best respond to the challenges of climate change?”

Come along to this special Big Scrub Day edition of Science in the Pub to find out. Dr Nola Hancock from Macquarie University will talk about climate change predictions for our region and what this means for species selection and provenance strategies in revegetation. Dr Kevin Glencross from Southern Cross University will present on projects that are striving to make measurable and meaningful contributions to the challenges of a changing climate through carbon storage, watershed management, climate regulation, biodiversity conservation and supporting rural livelihoods.

Also to mark this auspicious occasion, Big Scrub Landcare will launch the third edition of their popular *Rainforest Restoration Manual*. Copies will be available for sale on the night.

With free finger food served at 5.30pm, there will be time to charge your glass in the name of science before delving into the science of restoration in the face of climate change.

**When: Thursday, 19 September**  
**Time: 5.30pm for a 6pm start**  
**Where: Lismore City Bowling Club**

*Science in the Pub is brought to you by the Northern Rivers Science Hub in partnership with Lismore City Council.*

Big Scrub Rainforest Day offers 15 activities across four days in locations across the Northern Rivers where you can touch, see and learn about the Big Scrub and its magnificent biodiversity.

The weekend features nature adventure and connection events, landholder field days, community tree plantings, guided rainforest walks, science and ecology talks, and fun family activities. The Big Scrub Rainforest Day is presented by Big Scrub Landcare in association with Rous County Council.

For the full program of events, visit [www.bigscrubrainforest.org](http://www.bigscrubrainforest.org).



Dr Nola Hancock

# NEW RATES PROPOSAL NOW OPEN FOR COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

Lismore City Council would like to thank those people who have responded to the Lismore rates consultation since it opened on 1 August.

Your feedback is valuable and there have been some great comments, suggestions and questions.

We have listened to this feedback and developed a new rates proposal for the community to consider.

In our round one consultation, we asked you to consider a proposed Special Rate Variation (SRV) that would apply to all Lismore ratepayers. This included a year one increase of 17% and a year two increase of 6.9%.

Your feedback told us that the year one increase was higher than expected.

We have listened to this feedback and developed a new proposal with smaller annual increases spread over a greater number of years.

In this new round of consultation, residents and ratepayers have three options to consider.

We need to know, what is your preference?

Your answers and feedback will help Lismore City Council make an informed decision.

All feedback from round one and round two of the consultation will be provided to Council at its 12 November meeting where a decision on whether to make an application for an SRV will be made.

The round two rates consultation is open for community feedback until 30 September.

Visit [www.yoursay.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.yoursay.lismore.nsw.gov.au) to find detailed information, take the new survey and have your say. People can also find hard copy information and community surveys at Council's Corporate Centre, 43 Oliver Avenue, Goonellabah, and the Lismore and Goonellabah Libraries.



# GET CREATIVE AND HAVE FUN AT OUR FREE PLAYGROUND FESTIVAL

The Playground Festival is a free one-day festival for children and families co-presented by The Quad and Lismore Regional Gallery on Saturday, 21 September from 10am to 4pm.

Packed with creative activities, roving performances and music, kids and families can get involved in everything from building giant bower bird nests and learning to walk a tight wire to creating their own playground.

“This is a hands-on interactive festival which encourages children and their families to get creative and active together,” Quad Placemaking Officer Marisa Snow said.

“Among the many delights this year we are launching the Tight Wire Playground, which will be a custom-designed circus playground co-created by SeedArts and young people for three weeks leading up to the festival.

“Come challenge your balance on the ropes, wires, stepping stones and beams of the playground and watch professional performers from Melbourne and Brisbane’s Company2 perform their breathtaking acts on the high-wire.”

## Other Playground Festival highlights include:

- Join a Spaghetti Circus workshop and/or watch the performance of their new kids’ show *Planet Lava*.
- Create your own human-size bower bird nests with landscape architects Earth Play.
- Groove to electronic dance music duo Poppy Galactic and the Beat, who play tunes that kids love to dance to.
- Make your own playground from recycled materials at Lismore Regional Gallery. An experienced facilitator will be on hand to assist in creating the playground of your dreams.
- Enjoy Roundabout Theatre’s *The Slow Show*. Meet Trichia the nature-loving human and Helix the giant garden snail.

- Get your heart racing and your belly laughing with the absurdly serious fitness fanatics The Walkie Talkies.
- Visit the Northern Rivers Conservatorium for music classes based around play, rhythm, movement and storytelling with hands-on tasters of musical instruments for three to eight year olds. Rock out to the Youth Rock Band and other young performers in the performance space.
- Join the Social Futures Clubhouse downstairs at the Northern Rivers Conservatorium for workshops including badge making, robot making, jewellery making and Photoshop mashup poster design.
- Discover the delights of Lismore Regional Gallery on our special Peggy Popart art gallery tours.

**The Playground Festival is free and open to everyone in Lismore and beyond! Come play and enjoy a day of free and fun activities as a family.**



# FREE FUN WITH MANDY NOLAN FOR POTENTIAL NEW COUNCILLORS

Entry is free  
and everyone  
is welcome!

**Local government is a powerful way to make a difference in your community. But what does it involve?** What kind of challenges will come your way? How do you learn not to take things personally? How do you sit through long meetings without falling asleep?

The next local government elections are in September 2020 and potential candidates and community members are invited to a free event with comedian Mandy Nolan on Wednesday, 18 September to learn about the challenges of being a councillor.

The night will include a councillor interview panel with current councillors Isaac Smith, Elly Bird and Neil Marks among those being quizzed by Mandy on the highs and lows of civic leadership. She'll dig deep to ask the tough questions: Do people stop you in the supermarket? What do you get asked about the most? Do you sleep?

The event is on Wednesday, 18 September from 6pm at Lismore City Bowling Club. Come join the fun!



# DEVELOPMENT CONSENTS ISSUED

## ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT

In accordance with the provisions of Section 101 of the Act and Clause 124 of the EP&A Regulation, notification is given that the undermentioned developments have recently been granted consent.

**18/241** 105 Elliott Road and 109 Wilson Street, South Lismore: To undertake the construction of a warehouse and distribution centre (inclusive of a warehouse area, offices, staff amenities and mezzanine storage area) and associated earthworks, driveways, parking, civil and infrastructure works, landscaping and tree removal.

**19/18** 3 Clare Street, Goonellabah: Inground swimming pool.

**19/19** 10 Myall Court, Caniaba: Inground swimming pool.

**19/75** 15/136 Davis Road, Jiggi: Dwelling.

**19/97** 20 Cathcart Street, Lismore: Change of use of a building to a café and associated infrastructure.

**19/124** 1 Lychee Drive, Rosebank: Dwelling.

**19/170-2** 5 Snow Street, South Lismore: Section 4.55(1A) application to modify the existing consent by including the construction of a communications room within the first floor of the existing service facility.

**19/187** 41 McKenzie Street, Lismore: To undertake the demolition of a shed, the construction of a new dwelling and associated driveway to create a detached dual occupancy and strata subdivision to create two lots.

**19/192** 548 Dorroughby Road, Dorroughby: Farm shed and associated rainwater tanks with a reduced building line of 5m from Arthur Road.

**19/218** 2 Muldoon Road, South Lismore: Detached dual occupancy.

**19/223** 39 May Street, Dunoon: Shed.

**19/225** 200 Ballina Road, Lismore: Dwelling alterations (extension of rear deck).

**19/227** 14 May Street, Dunoon: Shed.

**19/229** 85 Crown Street, South Lismore: Raise dwelling above 1:100 year flood level.

**19/240** 13 May Street, Dunoon: Shed.

**19/246** 48 and 48A Bank Street, North Woodburn: Dwelling addition (covered deck) and new shed.

**19/261** 17 Crown Street, South Lismore: Shed.

**19/265** 222 Dibbs Street, East Lismore: Shed.

**19/269** 296 Richmond Hill Road, Richmond Hill: Inground swimming pool.

**19/272** 9 Starkey Road, Whian Whian: Inground swimming pool.

**19/277** 78 Lane Road, Georgica: Inground swimming pool.

Details of applications and consents, together with conditions attached, may be inspected at Council's Corporate Centre during business hours or via DA Tracking at [www.lismore.nsw.gov.au](http://www.lismore.nsw.gov.au).

## PUBLIC NOTICE: CHANGES TO ROAD LEVELS

### Proposed roadworks on Tregeagle Road, Tregeagle

Council plans to fix several sections of Tregeagle Road, between 0.9km to 2.4km south of Rous Road.

This may involve overlaying the existing road with new material. This may raise levels along the road centreline by a maximum of +/- 300mm, and road realignment to a maximum of +/- 1000mm, above existing ground levels.

The public are entitled to make written submissions with respect to this proposal. The grounds for any objection and the section of road it relates to should be specified.

Adjoining landowners will receive correspondence regarding these roadworks.

Submissions on this proposal are due by 4pm on 27 September 2019.

You may view preliminary plans and documentation of the proposed works on request at our Corporate Centre in Goonellabah during normal office hours.

Alternatively, phone our Design Engineer on 1300 87 83 87.

# 160 LITRE CHALLENGE WINNERS ANNOUNCED!

**Winners in the 160 Litre Challenge held across the Northern Rivers have delivered some great water-saving ideas from the wildly original to simple and effective changes to daily habits.**

Five winners were presented with more than \$5000 in prizes recently, including a water-efficient household appliance, Wet'n'Wild passes and rainwater tanks.

Initiated by Rous County Council, the competition challenged Northern Rivers residents to monitor their water use over a 30-day period.

Over 50 entries were judged on their innovation, effectiveness and ease of implementation in reducing personal water use to under 160 litres per person per day. The regional average is 194 litres per day.

“The range of ideas were impressive. They included water-efficient home and landscape designs, rainwater harvesting and everyday water-saving measures that have a long-term impact,” Rous County Council General Manager Phillip Rudd said.

“Despite having a higher than average rainfall, the Northern Rivers is a fast-growing region. Combined with climate change and less reliable rainfall, this means we all have an obligation to act responsibly with water.

“Acting now will help reduce demand on the region’s main water source, Rocky Creek Dam. Water restrictions come into place when the dam level reaches 60%, so we benefit greatly by changing our water usage habits now, well before water restrictions are in place.”

Lismore’s Samuel and Cynthia Bacon took home the main prize of a water-efficient washing machine or dishwasher to the value of \$1500 for their sub-surface backyard irrigation system. Fed by a rainwater tank, the drip line system targets water at the roots and significantly reduces evaporation. The couple, whose household averages just 40 litres per person per day, say their kids can now kick a ball around on water-efficient green grass all year around.

Judges also loved Sally Butler’s idea to listen to her favourite song under four minutes to curb long showers, and awarded her a highly commended.

“Short song, short showers,” the Casino resident said. “Blind Melon’s *No Rain* is a favourite at around three minutes thirty seconds, and the title fits the cause!”

**Cutting down shower times from the average seven minutes to four can help save a family of four 40,000 litres of water a year.**

**A big thank you to everyone who participated in the 160 Litre Challenge! The winners are:**

**Children’s winner:** Kate Giddy, Byron Bay.

**Children’s highly commended:** Edith McKenzie, Lennox Head.

**Schools winner:** Southern Cross Public School, Ballina.

**Schools highly commended:** Empire Vale Public School, Empire Vale.

**Community winner:** Casino Neighbourhood Centre’s Community Garden Project, Casino.

**Community highly commended:** Shara Community Gardens, Ocean Shores.

To learn how to save water at home or find out about rebates for rainwater tanks, visit Rous County Council at [www.rous.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rous.nsw.gov.au).

*Image: Edith McKenzie, Julie Gauld and Annika Olsson from Casino Neighbourhood Centre’s community garden project and Samuel Bacon from Lismore, who won the major prize.*



**CHALLENGE  
TO SAVE WATER**

**COMPETITION**



# TRAFFIC ALERT: ROADWORKS

Traffic controls are in place at the following roadworks:

## LISMORE

### Carrington Street, Lismore near Dragonfly Café – road closure

The section of Carrington Street between Magellan Street and the Shearman Public Carpark will be temporarily closed while we fix the road. Footpath access to adjoining shops and businesses will remain open. Traffic can detour around the closure via Magellan Street to the north and Conway Street to the south.

### Crown Street south of Elliott Road, South Lismore

Crown Street will remain temporarily closed around Newbridge Street until we complete replacement of the water main. Detour via Wilson Street, Elliott Road or Union Street.

## RURAL

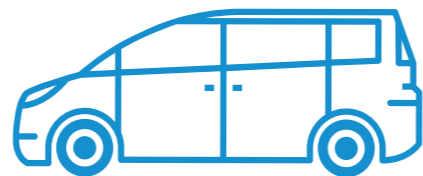
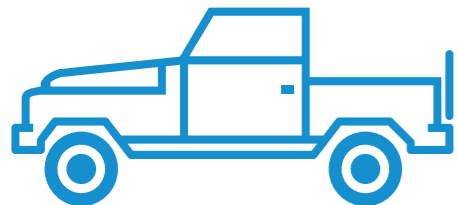
### Coraki Road south of Rogerson Road, Ruthven

Coraki Road remains under temporary traffic signals to alternate traffic along a single lane while we fix the road.

### Nimbin Road, Coffee Camp

Nimbin Road remains under traffic control north of Bishops Creek Road while we fix the road with joint funding from NSW Roads and Maritime Services.

**Also a big thank you to everyone for your patience while we completed roadworks on Rotary Drive and New Ballina Road.**



## REGISTER FOR SECOND HAND SATURDAY

Don't forget to register for the Second Hand Saturday garage sale day before it's too late!

Registrations are now open at [www.secondhandsaturday.com.au](http://www.secondhandsaturday.com.au) and close at 4pm on Wednesday, 18 September.

Second Hand Saturday will be held on Saturday, 28 September across Ballina, Byron, Clarence Valley, Kyogle, Lismore, Richmond Valley and Tweed regions. It's the biggest day of garage sales on the North Coast and a chance for you to turn your trash into treasure.

There will also be second chance sales organised for the following Saturday, 5 October if you wish to be involved for two weekends.

It is free to register for Second Hand Saturday and your garage sale will be advertised in local media and online. You can do it as an individual, with neighbours or friends, or with your local community group or church.

This wonderful event promotes recycling, re-using, and a sense of community and fun. During the 2017 and 2018 garage sales, over 4000 wheelie bins' worth of second-hand items exchanged hands and participants said around 40% of this had been destined for landfill.

**Register your garage sale now at [www.secondhandsaturday.com.au](http://www.secondhandsaturday.com.au) or phone Council on 1300 87 83 87.**

You can also check out the Facebook page @mysecondhandsaturday.





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